

INTERESTING LETTER  
FROM LIEUT. PERRY

Following are extracts from a very interesting letter written by Lieut. W. S. Perry, who is in the midst of the fighting probably in the St. Mihiel sector or south of that place.

France, September 14.  
The past few days we have been lying under the trees and hills during the daytime and marching northward toward the Germans during the night, during the three nights so far we have had a nice steady drizzling rain all night long, so you can imagine we are having the real thing in war time troubles, but such a spirit among men and officers I never imagined could exist, not a single complaint or grumble out of a single soul, all taking it in perfect good humor and harmony, all working together for one common end which we all know will not be far off.

The unit to which I belong, have machine gun battalion, strength of 760 men and 29 officers, has been bivouacking for the past two days and part of the nights on a hillside under the tall pine trees and on the banks of a large mill dam lake, the water is very clear and pretty and altogether it is a wonderfully pretty place, one cannot think of war and this place with the same thought as there are no signs of war except the soldiers and their equipment, and the continual roar of the big guns some 10 to 15 miles distant. Long before you receive this letter you will have read of a big American drive on the northern slope of the mountains, wherein there were many thousands of prisoners taken and vast amounts of enemy war material, and in those accounts you will not know that your illustrious nephew from south Missouri took a part, although far behind the line.

Wish I could write a sort of chronicle of my doings and goings since I landed, but cannot give dates nor places, and that is about all that would be of interest, as the account would not be of much interest unless you could follow those movements over France on a map spread before you, have also been in a part of Germany, so you would need a map of that country too.

There is a French military saw mill right at the foot of this lake below the dam. It is quite interesting to our men, they are crowded around it most all day long watching the work. There is one small band saw and one small circle saw, their capacity per day is not very much I should say. The saw mill, like most everything else industrially in this country seems to be about 50 years, more or less, behind the times.

The French farmers are farther behind the times than this saw mill, they all cut their hay, which by the way, is about the only crop grown, with an old fashioned hand scythe, rake it over and over several times with a hand made wooden rake and haul the stuff to their barns with an old narrow gauge wagon, pulled with an ox usually, often they use two long poles, sliding them under the small corks of hay and one man at each end of these poles, carry it a half mile or more to their barns, more often two women carry these poles, as there are none but very old men left in the country.

We see all kinds of vehicles and vehicle pulling power, some times one ox or cow or donkey, again one horse and one cow, or one cow alone, some times two milch cows pulling a load of logs or hay, several times I have seen a large dog and a small donkey pulling a wagon of very small calibre, and more often I have seen men and women pulling these wagons, they throw a wide shoulder strap of some kind over their shoulders and pull their wagons up and down the road or through their fields. There is a very strict law in France against cutting any kind of brush or timber, and the poorer class of people in getting their firewood, go to some place where the military authorities have ordered some trees cut down for the lumber, and gather up every little stick and limb from these trees, and drag the brush in on small two wheeled carts or even by pulling it along on the ground. At one place where we were billeted for over a month, these people pulled their two wheeled carts up a long mountain road, loaded them with limbs and brush, then using the tail end of the load as a brake, would pull and slide this load down the hill or mountain to their homes.

The matter of sanitation in these small French towns and villages seems to be a subject foreign to their intellect. In every town, but one, that our battalion has been or through, you will see large manure piles right on the main roads and streets, immediately in front of their houses, you wonder why this is, but when you see their houses you will see that their house, barn, pig pen, chicken house, are all under one large roof, the cows and horses, pigs, chickens, etc, go in one door, the people go in another right alongside, only a stone wall

about a foot thick between them, and a long hallway through the building, with doors on each side, one opening into the cow and horse stalls, the other on the opposite side of the hall opening into kitchen, bedroom or sitting room, and the smell of cow and horses is so strong, it makes you almost sick at your stomach. These buildings are all built of stone and cement, with red tiled roofs, they are certainly very substantial and will stand the wear of years to come as a great many of them have already done.

The people as a rule are mighty friendly and pleasant with us, one or two places they were more or less of german decent, that was in some of the country which France and Germany fought over in 1870 and the people were rather unfriendly and indifferent with us, but in the real French towns, they do everything they can for us, the children all fall in love right away with our American soldiers, in fact they sometimes get to be a nuisance, hanging around us so much, but I have never seen any of them do any mischief or steal, they do very much begging for food, as theirs is very scarce.

As the country itself, it is certainly beautiful, we have been up in the mountains practically ever since we landed and when on top of one of these mountains one can look down some 2000 to 6000 feet and see one of the most beautiful pictures a painter could imagine. All the land is divided up into small tracts, generally square so much to each farmer and he grows whatever he desires, most of them grow hay however each tract is separated from the other by a small irrigation ditch some 6 to 10 inches wide and deep. Sometimes you look down upon a valley that looks like a huge checker board, caused by the farmer growing different crops, with different shades of green, on their respective pieces of land.

The roads are all ballasted with crushed rock or natural gravel, even to most of the smallest country cross paths, and some of the roads which are centuries old, built by Napoleon and other noted men, so they say, cannot be beaten anywhere in the world I believe. They are called "Touring Club of France" routes, are lined on each side by shade trees of different varieties, according to the climate and locality, and they put you in mind of a tree lined avenue of some of our large cities in the good old U. S. A. Most of the trees and forests I have seen so far are of beech, pine and fir.

We have been kept more or less awake the past few nights by shelling of German airplanes quite interesting fireworks they make an immense flare lights up the country about and the flashlights locate the machine, then the guns get busy, it is very interesting and pretty, but rather rough on the poor devil up in the machine. Must close this effort and get ready for my share of supper as it is now about that time, have been at this all afternoon, having been interrupted several times.

STRINGTOWN

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Carr are the parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Erickson and son Carl visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albion Erickson, Sunday night.

Mrs. J. W. Marbut visited her sister Mrs. W. M. Carr, Friday of last week.

Mrs. Sarah Drake has returned from Picher, Okla., where she has been visiting her daughter, Florence, who has been ill with influenza.

W. M. Carr and daughter, Miss Gladys and granddaughter, Odella, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henderson, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Albion Erickson visited Mrs. Sherman Erickson, Tuesday.

Miss Opha Lowder, of Monett, visited home folks at Pioneer, Saturday night.

Mrs. J. W. Marbut was shopping in Monett, Tuesday.

Gladys Gray Pneumonia Victim. Little Gladys Gray, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gray, of South Monett, died Friday morning at one o'clock, from pneumonia.

On account of illness of other members of the family, no services will be held from the home.

The funeral will be held this afternoon, a short service will be held at the cemetery. Interment will be made in the New Church cemetery.

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ANNUAL NOTICE  
Barry County Mutual Insurance Co.

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Barry Co. Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. will be held at Purdy, Nov. 2nd, 1918, beginning at 2 o'clock, p. m. Come to the meeting.

J. M. FAWVER, Pres.  
C. B. CAMPBELL, Secy.

Letter from Rolla Tibbets.

Mrs. Frank Rowden received the following letter, written by someone for her brother, Rolla Tibbets, who was recently wounded in action in France, and who is at a hospital:

Oct. 13, 1918.  
"I am still improving but of course write here for some time. If you write me now you can reach me before I leave here. Do not be uneasy." Should any of his friends wish to write him while he is at the hospital, letters should be addressed as follows: Private Rolla Tibbets, Base Hospital No. 25, A. P. O., 785, American E. F.

Aaron Henson Writes from Hospital.

Miss Opal Davis, of Route 1, has received the following letter from Aaron Henson, who is in France:

Sept. 25, 1918.  
"I answered your letter about two weeks ago, but I have been wounded since. I am at the hospital now so thought I would write you again and you can address my mail here.

I was hit in the leg by machine gun fire, but nothing serious. Don't wait to hear from me every time but write often for I sure enjoy hearing from my old pals. I don't think the Germans will last much longer, us old boys sure do hit them hard when we start after them."

Private Aaron C. Henson,  
Base Hospital 22, Ward 3.  
A. P. O., 705, A. E. F.

Vaught Wounded.

Mrs. Ed Shepherd received a message, Friday, stating that her brother, Glenn Vaught, had been wounded in France. No other particulars were given.

Glenn has made a splendid record as a soldier and a few weeks ago a war correspondent told how he and Raymond Locke, of Clinton, were sent forward to find a way around a German field piece, when the young men silenced the cannon by killing three of the gunners and capturing the fourth.

James Johnston received a card Friday morning, announcing the safe arrival overseas of his son, Sergeant Robert Johnston, who is in the medical corps.

WILL TAKE TWO YEARS  
TO DEMOBILIZE ARMY

Americans in France Have Year's Work Ahead of Them in Tearing Down Wire.

New York, Nov. 1.—Demobilization of the American forces in France will require a period of two years after peace is declared, according to a statement made here tonight by General T. Solomon Dupont, who has just returned from a two months' visit to the western front.

Declaring that his views were the reflection of official opinion among the allied forces, he asked that Americans accustomed themselves to the idea of a long demobilization as they had to that of long war.

"One of our generals asked me," he said, "to tell the people at home that our boys have a year's work ahead of them in removing the barbed wire the Huns have strung across France."

Asserting that the civil war had "turned thousands of men back into civil life weakened and purposeless," General Dupont said the war work agencies should be supported generously in their approaching campaign. He declared that "statesman-like plans were being laid" for the trying period following peace.

Allen Black's Home Robbed.

The home of Allen Black, the dairyman, who lives in the Meador property south of Monett, was robbed Friday while the family were away from home. They attended the sale of Will Henley, of McDowell and had been away from home nearly all day.

When they returned in the evening, the house had been entered and all drawers had been ransacked and jewelry and clothing were taken to the amount of \$100.

The police were summoned and dispatches were sent to the surrounding towns, but no trace has been found of the thieves.

John O'Connell's Brother Dead.

John O'Connell, agent at the Frisco ticket office, received a message Friday evening, stating that his brother, Dan O'Connell, had died Friday morning from pneumonia, at his home at Butte, Mont., after a few days illness.

He leaves his wife, mother and father, two sisters and three brothers. His brother, Theodore O'Connell and sister, Mrs. Rose Henkel, of Hugo, Okla., were with him when he passed away.

The funeral party will leave Butte, Sunday, and will reach Franks, Mo., his old home, where funeral services and burial will be made. His parents live at Franks.

Don't forget the Fifth street cash and carry grocery. We have a full line. Matthews. 98tf

PEIRCE CITY NEWS

Miss Margie and Junior Wright, of Monett, have been visiting Misses Fay and Eunice Wright this week.

Miss Edythe Kelley returned to her work in the First National bank at Monett, after an illness of several weeks.

Chief of Police Hickey has recovered from an attack of influenza and announces that the bear trap is working again.

Mrs. J. E. Barnhill is confined to her home on account of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Lehnhard, of Monett, visited friends in Peirce City, Tuesday.

Miss Mattie Deaton and Otis Albert visited friends in Monett Sunday.

Mrs. C. Donart is confined to her home on account of a severe attack of pleurisy.

Miss Goldie Rogers visited friends in Monett, Tuesday.—Peirce City Journal.

NORTH PURDY

J. B. Burg, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

John Balmas and family visited at Steve Balmas' Sunday.

Misses Della Stockton and Charlotte Burg went to Monett Monday.

Lemon Henderson visited [with home folks the first of the week.

Mrs. Jim Chastain visited Rev. W. F. Goodnight and family Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Goodnight visited with L. C. Goodnight and family last week.

Henry Balmas is home for a visit from Camp Funston.

Paul Brown Dead.

It is reported here that Paul Brown, son of J. Black Brown, of Little Rock, Ark., had died at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. McNair at Fayetteville, Ark. His death was caused by influenza.

Alphonso J. Phelan Dies.

Alphonso J. Phelan, of Oklahoma, died at Peirce City, October 28, of influenza. He was reared in Peirce City and married a Peirce City girl, Miss Pauline Legrand, in 1915. He had been notified to appear in the next selective draft from Oklahoma and he and his wife were paying a farewell visit to relatives and friends at Peirce City.

The funeral was held from the home of J. A. Legrand, October 30, Rev. Father Sibbert Burkard officiating. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery. The Callaway undertaking establishment of Monett had charge of the funeral.

Lawrence County Court.

Hazel Aunusta admitted to the county farm.

Ethel Mosby, insane, ordered sent to State Hospital No 3 at Nevada as a county patient.

Resignation of C. E. Cline as a justice of the peace of Aurora township accepted.

Mrs. Justus Applequist admitted to State Sanatorium as a county patient.

A. E. Sutton, Emery Bacon and L. A. Hunter appointed commissioners on the Emer Mulkey road.

Requisition made on State Auditor for county's share of Foreign Insurance tax in sum of \$3,489.67

The Missouri State Poultry Show.

Auditorium, St. Jos. Mo., Dec. 3-7-1918

The Missouri State Poultry Show will be held as usual this year, and, as always, Missouri wants to be neighborly, so competition is open to the world.

In order to insure a large entry and to help the breeders in these war times, the entry fee has been reduced to 50 cents for single birds and \$2.00 for pens—with no reduction in Cash Premiums. There is also offered Special Prizes of unusual value in all varieties of Standard Bred Poultry.

Fred Crosby, Assistant Secretary, Mountain Grove, Mo.

Henry Balmas is at home from Camp Funston on a short furlough.

Purl Niskern, who is in training at Camp Funston, is visiting here for a few days.

W. W. Davis, of east of town, was here on business, Friday.

Maurice Bougher came down from Springfield Thursday evening and visited home folks. Maurice expects to be called for army work soon.

Mrs. J. L. Reno and daughter, Margaret, are spending the day in Peirce City with her mother.

J. W. Alderson, of Purdy, was in town, Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Geister and daughters, of Springfield, are spending the week-end with Mrs. Mary Wightman.

Hardy Kemp, Jr., went to Springfield Saturday morning where he is a S. A. T. A. student.

Mrs. L. A. Blood is visiting her sister, in Peirce City.

RUSSELL HOBBS' PERSONAL BELONGINGS SENT HOME

Russell Hobbs' personal belongings have been sent home and have been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hobbs. Russell has been on the front firing line, and his parents are in serious doubt about his welfare. The package was sent by the Chaplain of his regiment, and there was no message saying whether he was killed or taken prisoner.

The last letter received from Russell was dated September 18. No word has been received from him since that time. Letters that have been sent to him recently have been returned.

A Protest.

There is one ridiculous custom in Monett School District that should be stopped, namely, to make voting places out of our school houses during the school term. The school board has decided that if the influenza will let up to open school next Monday. I see by the ban lifting, the churches can open Sunday and the schools Wednesday. The school children are losing two days school and the tax payers are losing \$173.25 for two days' pay to teachers and janitors besides the loss of nineteen days through the influenza. Don't you good tax payers think this should be stopped?

Yours truly,  
John Salzer.

For Mrs. Heber Page.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Vinson de lightfully entertained a number of friends, Friday evening, at their home 408 Bond street, complimentary to Mrs. Heber Page.

The evening was spent in dancing, music and social conversation.

A dainty one-plate luncheon was served to Mr. and Mrs. Howard White, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler and children, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hinds, Mrs. Albert Pilkenton, Mrs. Paul Musick, Mrs. M. E. Crumrine, Miss Flora Crumrine, Mrs. Lester Bushnell, Mrs. Herbert O'Kelley, Mrs. C. Moraine, of Peirce City, George Dawson, Ross Folks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCullough and children, Mrs. C. W. Vaughan and Miss Clara Vaughan.

Fire Department Called Out.

The fire department was called out today about one o'clock by a small fire at the home of Mrs. Shamblin, corner of Front and Second street. The damage was slight.

Six O'clock Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lane entertained at six o'clock dinner, Friday, at their home on Third street. The guests were Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Hastings, Miss Nora Howell, Miss Lucy Steadman and J. J. Peck.

HELP WIN THE WAR—Uncle Sam wants you; prepare for stenographers, typists, bookkeepers and telegraph operators; salaries, one thousand and up. Write for particulars. Aurora Business College, Aurora Mo. 51-tf

Mrs. P. W. Scott and two daughters, of South Monett, are Peirce City visitors for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Geister and son George Albert, of Springfield, visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Al Geister.

Mrs. Hullinger has sold her roominghouse to Mrs. D. B. Kingery. Mrs. Hullinger and Miss Velva are moving to Springfield.

Sol Lebrunberger is expected tonight from Denver, Colo., to visit his sister, Mrs. Flora Kahn, and other relatives in the city.

Mrs. H. I. Bradford received word, Saturday morning, that her nephew, Rolla Scrivens, of Perth, Kan., was seriously wounded in action in France, September 27.

Mrs. L. N. Baker, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. J. Randall, left this morning on her return for home. Mrs. Randall and daughters, Marie and Laneta, accompanied her as far as Joplin, where they will spend the day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Traugher returned home, Friday morning, from Swan Valley, Idaho, where they visited their son, R. D. Traugher and family. They had a fine visit and return home in good health.

Jay B. Iden, a correspondent of the Kansas City Star, was in town Saturday. He has been in Stone county getting material for hunting and trapping stories. He expects to write some agricultural stories from this section.

Mrs. Nannie Scrivens and son Glen and Mrs. Mary Riley left, Tuesday morning, for their home at Perth, Kan., after a visit with H. I. Bradford and family. Miss Ruth Bradford accompanied them home for a visit before returning to Pratt, Kan., where she teaches school. They made the trip overland.

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BILLIE PLUMLEE LEASED THEATRE IN SPRINGFIELD

Billie Plumlee, the noted comedian, has leased the People's theatre building on College street, in Springfield, and the theatre will be open to the public next week.

The company consists of eighteen people, including a nine-piece orchestra.

Billie Plumlee, as he is familiarly known, for a number of years has touched Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Illinois, besides several of the southern states, with a large company known as the Billie Plumlee comedians. On several occasions he has visited Monett and has pitched his big tent at the corner of Sixth and Broadway, and his high class plays were highly pleasing.

Mr. Plumlee and his company have just closed a successful season in Illinois.

SMALL BLAZE AT GULICK'S STORE

There was a small fire at Gulick & Sons Clothing Store, Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock which did very little damage. The fire originated at the back of the store and before it was discovered, the back landing, which is used for unloading goods, and the back door of the store was consumed in flames. The store was filled with smoke, which did no damage to the stock of goods.

The building is owned by E. B. Rees and is insured.

Asa Wormington Dies.

Asa F. Wormington age 39 years, of East Bond street, died at 11 o'clock, Friday night, of pneumonia.

Funeral services were held, Saturday afternoon, at Walnut Grove cemetery, conducted by Rev. C. M. Smith.

Mr. Wormington leaves a wife and three children.

Jim Hagan, of Sand Springs, Ok., is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. A. W. Gilbert and Miss Helen Davis visited in Joplin Friday.

Mrs. S. C. Horn has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Milton Timming, at Parsons, Kas.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the estate of S. A. Mott deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 19th day of October 1918, by the Probate Court of Barry County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said Estate, are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such Estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of last insertion of this publication, they will be forever barred.

This 19th day of October 1918

Attest C. M. LANDIS,

Judge of Probate.

SIG SOLOMON,

Administrator.

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